

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor Chris Bundgaard on the occasion of his retirement from journalism.

WHEREAS, the members of this body are pleased to recognize one of the most erudite and respected journalists to ever work on Capitol Hill but saddened to be doing so on the occasion of his departure from these hallowed halls; and

WHEREAS, renowned Minnesota native Chris Bundgaard is answering the tantalizing call of retirement after working more than forty years in television news as a reporter, producer, and assignment editor in various cities across America, including Corpus Christi, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Salt Lake City, and Nashville, sometimes serving in all three capacities at the same time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bundgaard has been honored by his peers for reporting, writing, and producing television newscasts, both in Nashville and Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, he has received several Edward R. Murrow regional awards, Emmys, and numerous Tennessee Associated Press Broadcast awards for his excellence in television journalism; and

WHEREAS, sometime in the late 1990s, he decided to pursue reporting on a full-time basis, and this career path led him to Tennessee's Capitol Hill, where his reports are now seen daily on television stations in Memphis, Knoxville, and the Tri-Cities, in addition to Nashville's WKRN; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bundgaard developed an interest in journalism while attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota, having previously studied psychology at St. Olaf College; forty years later, his interest is still keen and growing; and

WHEREAS, no matter what his next adventure may be, we are confident that Mr. Bundgaard will bring his trademark enthusiasm and expertise to his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning democracy depends upon an informed electorate, and for the past forty years, Chris Bundgaard has done more than his part to provide reliable and accurate information to the viewing public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Chris Bundgaard on the occasion of his retirement from journalism, commend his many contributions to television news as a reporter, writer, and producer, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.